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## PSC SETS INTERVENTION DEADLINE IN WATER TERRITORIAL AGREEMENT CASE

Jefferson City (October 2, 2003)---The City of Hannibal and Public Water Supply District No. 1 of Ralls County have filed a joint application with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking approval of water service area territorial agreements.

The Joint Applicants have entered into three water service territorial agreements which govern the providing of water service to three small tracts located in Marion County. The three tracts, which are all commercially developed, are occupied by the Perry State Bank, the Quality Inn Suites Motel and United Industries Credit Union.

According to the Joint Applicants, these territorial agreements will enable the applicants to avoid wasteful and costly duplication of water utility services within the specified service areas. They further state that the agreements are in the public interest because they displace destructive competition to the benefit of the Joint Applicants' respective ratepayers. The application states the agreements will not result in a change of water service supplier for any customer.

Applications to intervene and participate in this case must be filed on or before October 30, 2003, with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. Copies of the application should be sent to: Charles Brent Stewart, Esq., Stewart & Keevil, L.L.C., 1001 Cherry Street, Suite 302, Columbia, Missouri 65201; Mark C. Piontek, Esq., Lewis, Rice & Fingersh, L.C., 216 West Main, P.O. Box 1040, Washington, Missouri 63090; Jeffrey H. Blaylock, Esq., Ford, Parshall & Baker, L.L.C., 609 East Walnut Street, Columbia, Missouri 65201; and the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 7800, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. The Office of the Public Counsel is a separate state agency which represents the general public in matters before the Public Service Commission.